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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Delay in Receipt of SEA Imagery

1. NPIC has recently taken considerable pride in the fact that it has identified nine new SAM sites which are located close enough to the Laotian border to constitute a threat to our air operations.

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2. An analysis of the imagery from which this intelligence was obtained however, has brought to light a problem. Certain missions are taking an undue period of time to arrive at NPIC. For instance SAM sites 372 and 375 located near routes 137 and 101, 16.5 and 13 miles from the Laos border, were flown [redacted] but not received until 24 Dec and 27 Jan at NPIC.

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3. Further analysis of the problem has indicated the following in regard to days of delay:

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Project	NPIC	Reasonable Period	Rating
[redacted]	5-7	5-7	Excellent
	7-9	7	Good
	17	10	Fair
	16	7-10	Fair
	10-35	12-16	Poor

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4. If we are to make timely reports on new SAM sites, deployment of tanks, changes in infiltration routes etc., it would appear that a more timely receipt of [redacted] film is in order.

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